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<b>Offering</b>	Making an offer to sell a new issuance of stock to the public through an underwriting. Often refers to an initial public offering (IPO).
<b>Operating Income</b>	Earnings before deduction of interest and taxes. This is a measure of the company's earning power from ongoing operations.
<b>Overvalued Stock</b>	Stock that trades at a higher price than the issuing company's reputation, earnings outlook, or financial situation would seem to merit. For example, one sign of potential overvaluation is a price/earnings ratio (P/E Ratio) significantly higher than average for the market as a whole and for the industry to which the corporation belongs.

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